

# CENTRAL WEST IS RECOVERING

DIVERSITY SALVATION OF THE  
FARMING DISTRICTS IS VIEW  
OF BABSON.

Continuing the report of his personal survey on business conditions, Roger W. Babson, famous economist, outlines his findings in the western central states as follows:—

"A year ago I found the worst conditions in these western central states, the section of the country lying between Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Atlanta on the east, Chicago and St. Louis on the west.

"Detroit, Michigan and Akron, Ohio were then the center of the depression area. The storm center having moved west from New England during 1920. Today, however, I find conditions in this section of the country much improved. The worst is over. While definite improvement is not yet evident business gradually but steadily is turning upward.

"The best sections of this district as far as sales are concerned are found in the states supported by a diversity of interests. Ohio for instance is in very fair condition. Northern Indiana and Illinois also look relatively good. Medium sized cities such as South Bend and Fort Wayne offer good sales possibilities.

"Altogether there has been severely hit owing to the unnatural boom it experienced during the recent period of prosperity, other smaller cities with automobile industries are doing well. This simply illustrates the basic truth I have re-iterated during the past years, namely that communities should not be exclusively industrial or exclusively agricultural. Industrial communities should seek to develop agricultural environments while agricultural communities should develop industries.

"The coal mining regions of the central western states have been quiet for some months. Now, however, in face of the threatened strike business is picking up. The miners make relatively large earnings when they work. The purchasing power of these coal centers should be greater this coming spring. A large proportion of these mines are unorganized. This group should be especially prosperous in case of a strike.

"Production of bituminous coal during 1921, by the way, was only 4,000,000,000 tons or 27% less than the previous year. Let me say, however, that after it is evident that there will be nothing to fear from the threatened strike, further declines in the price of bituminous coal will be in order. Altogether this will mean lower wages and lower profits for the operators. It should mean more days of work and ultimately benefit all interests.

"The iron and copper districts of the lake regions are still very dull. The finished product industries of these lines are running only 40% of their capacity. Many manufacturers are shut down entirely. Statistics, however, indicate that as money rates decline, railroad, public utilities and municipalities will be able to sell bonds for permanent improvements. The demand for iron and copper will increase accordingly. With this in view I prophesy that 1922 will show a great improvement over 1921 in this section. A stimulus will first appear with the opening of the lakes when the ice goes out in March or April.

"The farming sections are still suffering the headache—the inevitable result of their intoxication during the prosperous years of the war. One with any heart cannot help but be moved by the stories of disappointment and loss encountered by the farmers of these western central states. Corn and wheat are bringing less than nothing. The banks are pressing the farmers for payment of interest and there is little prospect for higher prices in sight. But the handwriting on the wall was very clear and the farmer who took the trouble to watch conditions closely foresaw the inevitable and saved his money, hence, he is not in trouble today. Instead of unloading his "easy money" for high priced land or low priced oil stocks, he saved it and is not suffering today. The salvation of the farmer must be wrought thru the diversity of interests. The farmer who raises stock, sells cream and grows four or five different crops, is not at the mercy of the sudden price shift in any one line. The man who gambles in wheat on some one else's land is playing a margin and if the market happens to go against him he loses everything he has.

"An analysis of the figures making up the Babson chart shows that the trade of the western states run 18% below normal compared with a low of 20% a few weeks ago. Cincinnati, Chicago and Cleveland, are operating at about 80% of their normal capacity. Canton and Akron are up to 85%, while Columbus and Toledo Ohio are back to 95% of normal. Of all the cities in these western central states our figures show that Dayton, Ohio, with its 150,000 people, is today the most prosperous.

"An analysis of the 1922 sales prospects in these particular sections furnishes ground for discriminating optimism. As the year develops, confidence will return first in one section and then in another. Returning confidence will be reflected in increasing sales. During the early months business will be best in the northeast. As the year progresses the south and central western states will

## MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION (By the Governor)

More than three score years have passed since our fathers took up arms in defense of the Union. That was the primary purpose of the Civil War, to preserve the Union; but as the war progressed, it became more and more apparent that slavery must be killed. It had fastened itself upon us; it grew with our growth; it strengthened with our strength; but when at last it lifted its mailed fist to strike a blow at the Nation's life, then the Nation armed itself to save itself, and for liberty as well; and when the four years of agony were over, a new witness to human brotherhood went forth from these shores and the light sped all around the globe. Some of those who took part in this great conflict are among us yet, though a fast diminishing company.

For many years it has been the custom of our people to go out on Memorial Day and place flowers on the graves of those veterans of the Civil War who have passed on, and with appropriate public exercises to show respect and honor to those who are still with us. May the Republic never cease to commemorate the heroic achievements of the men who freely offered their lives that the Nation might live.

In the Spanish-American War and in the recent World War, the sons and grandsons of those who fought at Shiloh and Gettysburg fully maintained the honor of America.

Therefore, in order that we may pay a tribute of respect and affection to the surviving veterans of all these wars, and do honor to the memory of their fallen comrades, I sincerely urge that Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May, 1922, be fittingly observed as Memorial Day, and I earnestly appeal to the people of Michigan for hearty cooperation in plans for the proper observation of the day in their respective communities. The comfort and convenience of the old soldiers will, I am sure, be the first care of these in charge of the arrangements.

On Memorial Day flags should be displayed at half-staff until noon and then hoisted to the top of the staff.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State this seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-sixth.

ALEX J. GROESBECK,  
Governor.

became more prominent as markets. 1922 will be a fairly good year for well directed salesmanship. You need not complain of business if you will but take the trouble to make direct hits on localities where resistance is lowest.

"Business as reflected in the Babson chart is beginning to show the evidence of spring activities. The index figure has risen 3% in the last seven days. General business now stands 13% below normal. The improvement is due to activity in building lines which was forecast in these columns several weeks ago.

## MUSICAL CONTEST AT MT. PLEASANT

(Continued from page one)  
Harold Powers, director of music at Central Michigan Normal in 1920 and from a small beginning has grown into a music event that has attracted statewide interest and aroused splendid co-operation on the part of supervisors of public school music.

Alma High School Contestants are the following:

**Vocal Soloists**  
Soprano—Lois Smith  
Contralto—Marian Grover  
Tenor—Miles Chaffin  
Baritone—Kenneth Holmes.  
**Instrumental Soloists**  
Violin—Russell Johnson  
Piano—Doris Shingluff  
**Vocal Trio**  
1st. Soprano—Lois Smith.  
Maudie Kelley  
2nd. Soprano—Lell Smith  
Dorothy Allen  
Alto—Marian Grover  
Beatrice Snider

## AN ELOQUENT PREACHER

The Rev. R. H. Breddy will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal Church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Dr. Breddy is one of the best pulpit orators from Grand Rapids. It is expected that a good congregation will greet him here next Sunday morning.

## Londoners Go to Bed Early.

How early we go to bed in London is shown by a census of underground passengers. The last trains in various directions carried respectively 45, 18, 19 and 25 passengers. So hard are our war habits to cast off. But, indeed, 10 o'clock was bedtime for a multitude of Londoners even before the war, and in that multitude were, and are, quite a number of prominent business men. Your professional man seems to sit up later, and fashion, naturally, rarely retires till dawn.—London Times Weekly.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all those who so kindly assisted us in our recent sorrow caused by the death of our loving Father. Also we wish to thank the minister for his kind sympathetic words, and all who expressed their sympathy with such beautiful floral offerings. Theodore Greenhoe and family. Lewis Greenhoe and family.

## Local Happenings Tersely Told

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers 02 tfe

Mrs. Ralph D. Wheaton spent the week end in Detroit visiting with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blair visited with the latter's sister at Pompeii on Sunday.

See Cash, the wool man, for top prices on wool. Phone No. 657. 56 tfe

Dr. Maynard Pringle left Tuesday for a few days' fishing trip at Houghton Lake.

Jerome Kanter of Owosso, a former resident of this city, was in Alma on business Monday.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57 tfe

Rev. Hood of Manistique a former Alma pastor, visited in this city the first of the week.

New prices, new stock of Fishing Tackle at Winslow Bros. Drug Store.—advertisement—54 tfe

Rev. Shouffler left Monday for Jackson where he is attending the state convention of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Amster visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, at Middleton over the week end.

L. A. Sharp and Mrs. L. N. Baker are attending the May Musical Festival at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hustin of St. Johns spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hustin's mother, Mrs. Lydia Gregory, on Pine avenue.

The Portnightly Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet Tuesday, May 23 at 3:00 o'clock with Mrs. E. T. Lamb, 803 State street.

Tanlac is the people's medicine and the people themselves have made it what it is. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement—

Dr. and Mrs. Thornburgh enjoyed an automobile trip to Ann Arbor last week, where Dr. Thornburgh attended a meeting of the Homeopathic society.

Let me do your plumbing and repairing. You will save money and be satisfied. See Wickman, 819 Woodworth ave., phone 411.—advertisement—51 tfe

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Babcock visited in Detroit and Farmington over the week end. Mrs. Babcock remained at Farmington for a longer visit with friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Griswold of Berryton visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ervin, Tuesday, and that evening left here enroute for California.

Mrs. Lydia Gregory of Cadillac has recently moved to Alma and has secured a residence at 905 Pine avenue. Her son, H. Reynolds Gregory, has charge of the Freeman ice cream station in this city.

Alma's aspirations for a new depot in the near future have evidently received a cruel jolt, as the Pere Marquette evidently hasn't any intention of constructing one during the coming few years. This finding is arrived at from the fact that the present depot has been given a coat of new paint during the past week or ten days.

A rare treat was enjoyed by the Ladies of the St. Mary's Alter society at their May meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Wynne on College ave. The program consisted of two vocal selections by Lois Smith, followed by an interesting talk of life in the Kentucky mountains by Dean Katherine Roberts of Alma College. Mrs. Roberts has a charming personality and her allusions to her personal experiences among the Kentucky mountains made famous by John Fox Jr.'s book was appreciated and enjoyed. Dean Robert's talk was the first of a series to be given by prominent women of Alma. Mrs. Wynne served delicious refreshments of fruit salad, cake and coffee.

## EAST ALMA

Miss Marguerite Gorman, who has been suffering from an attack of spinal meningitis, died at her home on Michigan Ave. at three o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. George F. Rider, 808 Francisco Ave., who has been suffering with severe kidney trouble for some time past, was removed to the hospital on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Tom Abby of New York City has arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Abby, Dean St., bringing his bride with him.

Mrs. Frank Fought and children with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cosley of Lake Odessa, spent the week end with Mrs. Blakely, Eastward St.

Mrs. Francis King was the speaker at the Parent-Teachers Club which met in Republic School last week. The chairman, Mrs. Robert Grierson, in introducing Mrs. King to the large audience called attention to a note in the "Atlantic Monthly", stating that Mrs. King was the recipient of a gold medal from a famous Horticultural Society, and that she was the only woman in America who held this honor. Mrs. King told how she was led to write on Gardening and gave personal reminiscences of her Horticultural work which were both educative and enjoyable.

On Monday morning at Republic school, a clinic was held and the tonsils of 16 children were removed. Only three of the children belonged to Republic school. Drs. Smith and DuBois performed the operations. This clinic was held under the auspices of the Gratiot County—Good Health Society.

Mrs. Harold Manley and infant daughter are visiting with Mrs. Manley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, Linden Ave.

The Alma Civic Improvement League will meet in Republic school on Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. on June 2nd. That same evening the Republic school children will join with the pupils of the other Alma schools in giving an exhibition of physical training work at the Republic Truck Company's athletic field on Michigan Ave.

The Eastminster's Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Grierson, Grove Ave. on Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. on May 26.

On Friday evening, June 9, at 7:30 p. m. the pupils of Republic school will give a cantata. This is in place of the usual monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' club.

Mother's day was suitably remembered and celebrated at Eastminster chapel last Sunday morning. There was a large attendance at the services. The sermon by the Rev. J. M. Gelston, D. D. was a masterpiece. Every resident of East Alma, not at another church should have been out to hear it.

While working in the sewer trench on Hannah Ave. the quick sand caved in and buried four men. They were speedily rescued by their fellow workmen.

There will be the usual services at Eastminster chapel Sunday, May 21st. A two reel film will be shown at 7:30 Sunday evening, the subject being "The Empire of Alaska". Sunday school opens at 10:30 a. m. Morning worship is at 11:30 a. m. Junior C. E. is at 3 p. m. and Senior C. E. meets at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship and 2 reel film at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Dan Cole Jr., Grove Ave. and Mr. Lyle Ball left Tuesday morning to work in Lansing.

Mrs. Dean of Shepherd and Miss Worth of Petoskey, who is attending Mt. Pleasant Normal school, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harold Dean, Dean st. They attended the Mother's day services at Eastminster chapel.

## COL. SMITH SPEAKS AT THE C. OF C. MEET

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than one-half of the world's coal and many other things in proportion, have grown weary of pessimism and stagnation and are now bending their activities to constructive work.

"They have seen the advance in the stock market, following an advance in farm products, and now they see a marked betterment in iron and steel and other products. They see hundreds of millions, even billions, pouring into construction work such as highways, streets, office buildings, hotels, schools, churches, and dwellings, and they know this spells prosperity in capital letters.

"We can sum up the factors which are retarding improvement and adversely affecting business as follows: continued inflation in Germany; the prospect of currency deflation and price declines in England, France and Italy; overbuilt manufacturing plants in the United States; possibility of lower construction costs in larger projects; the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill; the soldiers' bonus bill; allied debts.

The favorable factors in the situation are: a healthy mercantile outlook; a promising agricultural outlook; a surplus of banking funds sufficient to finance improved trade activity; volume of unemployment rapidly diminishing; prices of staple raw materials are advancing; production of iron and steel is increasing; interest rates are falling; building construction is growing, and the prices of stocks and bonds are rising.

"Overconfidence resulting in premature expansion could easily destroy much of what has been accomplished so far. Business is like unto a sick man who is convalescing. If we do not forget in the enthusiasm of returning strength that we are still 'convalescence' it will not be long before we are well—but beware of 'backsets'.

Colonel Smith then pointed out some of the dire results of bonus legislation, after pointing out that he was an ex-service man, and most of his friends were ex-service men, none of whom in his immediate surroundings believed that the soldiers should receive a bonus for having performed their plain patriotic duty to their country.

Colonel Smith then called the attention of his audience to some notes on an article by Stephen Leacock, which appeared recently in Collier's magazine was entitled "Wanted—More Profiteers."

In closing he pointed out that the big need is to take off our coats and get to work.

Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. Church, presided at the meeting as chairman. Just previous to the address two solos were rendered by Mrs. McKenzie. Following the address tokens of appreciation were left at the tables by the members of the Chamber of Commerce which were presented to Mrs. Frousch by H. S. Babcock, president of the organization, as a testimonial of her faithful services during the winter and spring months in preparing the weekly luncheons.

## Mental Laziness.

An old proverb says, "Make your head save your heels." Simple advice, it seems, yet it contains the secret of modern progress. Invention today centers about the great problem of saving human labor by careful thought. To claim a place in present-day civilization, we must accustom ourselves to thinking out the best ways of doing things. The great enemy to progress of this kind, the thing that holds back men with natural ability, is mental laziness.

## With Our State Contemporaries

Representative Patrick H. Kelley, who aspires to the seat now occupied by Senator Townsend in the upper house of congress prefaces a ten-week stumping tour of the state by announcing that the issue in the coming senatorial fight is to be "Newberryism," which, as he defines it, is "the issue whether a candidate for public office shall be permitted to turn his campaign over to a committee and tacitly or openly permit the committee to raise and spend all the money it needs to buy the office for him."

Now a man cannot buy an office unless those who have the power to confer it are willing to sell. Consequently what Mr. Kelley chooses to call "Newberryism" falls flat; it cannot be an issue unless the voters are venal. But Mr. Kelley says it is an issue. Not only that, he declares it the most important issue in the Michigan senatorial fight. In fact, it is the only thing he consents to recognize as an issue.

So Mr. Kelley at the very commencement of his appeal to the people of Michigan for support at the polls grossly insults them by saying publicly that he does not trust them, that he thinks they are dishonest crooks who can be purchased by his opponent with money, and that because he doubts their integrity he is going to make it his especial business to raise such a rumpus that they will not dare to be crooked.

Possibly this is a good way for a senatorial candidate to gain the favor of the electorate of the state of Michigan, but we do not think so. We can not really bring ourselves to believe that the people will be able ardently to desire as representative in the senate of the United States a man whose words indicate that he thinks so poorly of them that he may be said to hold them in contempt. Nor for that matter, neither can we comprehend how Mr. Kelley is able to desire to act as senator for a people he apparently neither trusts nor respects.

Still, comprehensible or not, the fact remains that Patrick Kelley is exceedingly anxious to obtain a seat in the senate, so anxious indeed that he deliberately deserts his present duties in Washington while large matters of great importance nationally and internationally are stirring and comes to Michigan to further his private political ambition. Mr. Kelley tries to excuse himself by saying that the lower house is merely marking time, waiting for the senate to act on certain measures. But the weight of this sort of an excuse becomes apparent if we consider what would happen in case all of the members of the house were to make a similar plea and go home for ten weeks.

This brings up another point. Mr. Kelley criticizes the conduct of Senator Townsend's campaign because the committee which has it in charge while the senator is busy at capital has, up to this time, spent something over three thousand dollars, collected from private sources, in perfectly legitimate and legal ways, making a public accounting of all the items. The representative finds something nefarious in this. He says he is doing no such thing. He has no campaign committee. He is permitting no money to be collected from the people and spent in his behalf. He and his private secretary and a relative are the whole of his organization.

Just so. And how are the expenses of Mr. Kelley's tour and of the tour of Mr. Kelley's private secretary going to be met? Congress being in session Mr. Kelley and his secretary being under federal salary and theoretically on the job in Washington, the United States of America is going to foot the bills. The people of the nation are being called upon for involuntary contributions to Mr. Kelley's campaign to the tune of several thousand dollars.

What sort of campaign ethics justifies this? In what way is it holier than so-called "Newberryism"? If it is argued that the thing is common practice, so the conduct of the Townsend campaign in accord with common practice. Nor in any event, is that an excuse for Mr. Kelley who comes to us posing a new apostle of Purity and Reform.—Detroit Free Press.

## Effective Moth Protection.

Chests made of red cedar are ample protection against the operations of the moth. The government says so in a report which comes from the agricultural department. These chests must be secure and tight in every respect. Since it is the odor of the red cedar which kills the young moths, care must be taken to prevent the escape of the odor. This is accomplished by seeing that the joints are all tight, and when there is occasion to open the chest the interior must not be exposed any longer than is absolutely necessary.

## Now for Crystal Lake

Beginning May 25 I will run a bus to Crystal lake, leaving the Wright House at 7:00 A. M. and 1:00 P. M. Special trips arranged for at Morton's feed barn.

F. M. BAKER

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**S. MARSHALL'S**  
**CATARRH**  
**Snuff**  
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### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## The First State Bank

AT ALMA, MICHIGAN

at the close of business May 5th, 1922, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

### RESOURCES

#### LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, viz:

Commercial	
a Secured by collateral	207,846.92
b Unsecured	299,124.91
c Items in transit	5,596.77
Totals	512,568.60

Savings	
a Secured by collateral	106,663.19
b Unsecured	16,300.00
Totals	122,963.19

#### BONDS, MORTGAGES AND SECURITIES, viz:

Savings	
a Real Estate Mortgages	400,942.80
b U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness Pledged	45,000.00
Totals	445,942.80

#### RESERVES, viz:

Commercial	
Due from Banks in Reserve	58,947.63
Exchanges for clearing house.	2,259.17
Total cash on hand	19,047.79
Totals	80,254.59

Savings	
U. S. Bonds and Cert. of Ind. carried as legal reserve in Savings Dept. only	84,150.00
Totals	164,404.59

#### COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz:

Overdrafts	712.09
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,600.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers	1,294.36
Customers' Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping	80,850.00
Outside checks and other cash items	814.33
Total	\$1,261,649.96

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus Fund	100,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	9,035.03
Reserved for Taxes, Interest, etc	11,500.25

COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz:	
Comm'l Deposits subject to ck.	305,264.42
Demand Certificates of Deposit	68,373.40
Certified Checks	4,561.55
Cashier's Checks	12,435.12
Totals	390,634.49

SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz:	
Book Accts.—Subject to Savings By-Laws	316,557.45
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws	316,072.74
Totals	632,630.19

Certificates of Deposit—Sub-	316,072.74	
ject to Savings By-Laws		
Totals	632,630.19	632,630.19
Bills payable		37,000.00